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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN

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AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 561

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, EFIN, ELAB, PEPR, MZ, SF

SUBJECT: SAG TEAM TO MAPUTO FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM

1. DURING DISCUSSION MARCH 18, BRAND FOURIE, SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD ME HE WILL HEAD SAG DELEGATION DRAWN FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES WHICH WILL VISIT MAPUTO MARCH 29 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. AMONG SPECIFICS MENTIONED BY FOURIE WERE:

(A) SAG IS CURRENTLY TAKING ELECTRICAL POWER FROM THE CABORRA BOSSA INSTALLATION AT RATE OF R3 MILLION PER MONTH, FAR IN EXCESS OF WHAT SAG HAD PLANNED TO RECEIVE.

(B) ONE PROBLEM WITH GOM RELATES TO AGREEMENT CONCERNING MOZAMBICAN WORKERS EMPLOYED IN SOUTH AFRICAN MINES. ASKED IF HE MEANT THE GOLD CLAUSE OR LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT FOURIE REPLIED THAT IN ESSENCE BOTH ALTHOUGH SAG CONTINUED TO COMPUTE GOLD PRICE AS BEFORE. (COMMENT: AS PREVIOUSLY  
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REPORTED BY EMBASSY, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SAG HAS CONTINUED WITH GOM THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT WHICH IT PREVIOUSLY HAD WITH PORTUGUESE THAT WAGES OF MOZAMBICAN MINE WORKERS ARE TO BE PAID AT "OFFICIAL RATE" FOR GOLD. UNDER NEW IMF RULES THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO LONGER AN "OFFICIAL" GOLD PRICE. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, SAG CONTINUES TO PAY AT OLD OFFICIAL RATE

OF \$42.00 PER OUNCE. "FINANCIAL MAIL" RECENTLY REPORTED  
THAT NUMBER OF MOZABMICAN MINERS AT END OF 1977 WAS DOWN  
TO ABOUT 40,000 FROM HIGH OF 100-110,000 IN EARLY 1976.  
PERHAPS THIS IS SOURCE OF GOM "UNHAPPINESS.")

(C) RHODESIAN CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH  
EASTERN CORNER HAVE CREATED SOME DIFFICULTIES FOR SOUTH  
AFRICA. THIS HAD MADE IT NECESSARY TO ASK THE  
RHODESIANS TO PUT A HALT TO SUCH ACTIVITIES.  
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